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1. POL ADVISERS DISCUSSED LATE YESTERDAY FOLLOWING TEXT LETTER DATED SEPT 11 FROM ACT SOV COMMANDANT COL KRYMSKI SENT IN REPLY SEPT 4 LETTERS FROM WEST COMMANDANTS:

BEGIN TEXT.

IN CONFIRMING RECEIPT YOUR LETTER 4 SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR I WOULD LIKE REMIND YOU REGARDING QUESTION RAISED IN IT, ANSWER HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE IN LETTER OF GENERAL CHAMOV DATED 23 SEPTEMBER 1957.

IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR REFERENCE TO PARIS AGREEMENTS 20 JUNE 1949, I MUST CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO FACT THAT THESE AGREEMENTS WERE CONCLUDED DURING PERIOD OF OCCUPATION GERMANY AT WHICH TIME TRAVEL GERMANS BETWEEN BERLIN AND FORMER OCCUPATION ZONES GERMANY WAS CONTROLLED BY THE FOUR OCCUPATION POWERS.

QUESTIONS MENTIONED BY YOU ARE AT PRESENT TIME EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN COMPETENCE OF CORRESPONDING GERMAN AUTHORITIES.

END TEXT

2. BECAUSE SOV ATTEMPT UNILATERALLY EVADE RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER PARIS AGREEMENTS POL ADVISERS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMEND IDENTICAL REPLIES ALONG FOLLOWING LINES BE MADE BY WESTERN COMMANDANTS. PROPOSED REPLY BRIEF SO AS NOT ENCOURAGE FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE.

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-2- 209, SEPTEMBER 16, 6 PM, FROM BERLIN

BEGIN TEXT.

I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR REPLY OF SEPTEMBER 11 TO MY LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 4.

I MUST REPEAT THAT AS REGARDS THE QUESTIONS OF FREEDOM OF ACCESS TO BERLIN AND FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT WITHIN CITY, U.S. VIEW REMAINS AS STATED IN MY PREVIOUS LETTER.

AS TO YOUR REFERENCE TO PARIS AGREEMENTS I MUST POINT OUT THAT IN VIEW OF U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS ACCEPTED UNDER THOSE AGREEMENTS ARE STILL BINDING.

END TEXT.

POL ADVISERS SEE NO ADVANTAGE PUBLICIZING FOREGOING EXCHANGE. SOVS HAVE NOT PUBLICIZED THEIR SEPT 11 LETTER.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH U.S. POL ADVISER SEPT 15 MAYOR BRANDT WHO HAD BEEN SHOWN KRYMSKI REPLY EMPHASIZED HE ALSO BELIEVED SOV REPLY SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED STAND UNCHALLENGED.

BRANDT STATED ON BASIS SPORADIC REPORTS PRESSURE ON GRENZGAENGER APPEARS RECENTLY TO BE EASED. IMPROVEMENT NOT AS APPARENT AS FOLLOWING SEPT 1957 MESSAGE TO SOVS BUT IN BRANDT'S OPINION SOVS STILL SENSITIVE TO PUBLICITY ON SOV ZONE EXCESSES. MISSION SURVEY LOCAL INDUSTRIES EMPLOYING BORDER-CROSSERS REFLECTS IMPROVED SITUATION DURING PAST THREE WEEKS.

4. USCOB CONCURS.

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